GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Mines and Minerals – Mining Lease held by APMDC Ltd for Iron Ore for an extent of 1307.26 Acres in Sy.No.769,388,418,420 and 208 of Konijedu, Marlapadu, Kamduluru, Sarivireddipalem and Yerrajerla Villages of Tangutur and Onogle Mandals of Prakasam District, which was sub leased to Gimpex Pvt Ld- Full Surrender of Mining Lease – Accepted – orders -Issued.

INDUSTRIES & COMMERCE (MINES-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No.15 Dated:10.03.2021

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.428, Ind & Com, Dept., Dt.07.04.1972,
2. G.O.Ms.No.95, Inds & Com (M.II) Dept., Dt.27.04.2009.
3. G.O.Ms.No.101, Inds & Com(M.II) Dept, Dt.13.05.2009,
4. G.O.Ms.No.232, Inds & Com (M.II) Dept., Dt.29.10.2009,
5. Govt, Lr.No.7495/M(1)/2017, Dt.22.09.2017
6. G.O.Ms.No. 510, Revenue (Lands-I) Dept., Dt.30.12.2019,
7. From the VC & MD., M/s APMDC, Lr.No.APMDC12022/1/GEO/219/2236, Dt.16.12.2020.
8. Govt., Memo No.1055142/M.III/2020, Dt.12.01.2021.
9. Orders of the Hon'ble High Court in W.P.No.10798/2020 , Dt.16.02.2021.
10. From the Director of Mines & Geology, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam, Lr.No. 4205510/D9/2021, Dt: 01.03.2021.

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ORDER:

In the G.O 1st read above, the Government have reserved certain lands to an extent of 3143.02 Acres falling in Ongole, Addanki, Kandukur and Darsi earstwhlie Taluks of Prakasam District for exploitation of Iron Ore in the public sector. Subsequently, out of the said land an extent of Ac 1307.06 Cents was granted in favour of APMDC for Mining Lease for Iron Ore in Survey Nos.769,388,418,420 and 208 of Konijedu, Marlapadu, Kanduluru, Sarvireddipalem and Yerajerla Villages of Tanguturu and Ongole Mandals of Prakasam District, for a period of Twenty (20) years (2009 to 2029),vide G.O 2nd read above.

2. Further, through the G.O. 3rd read above, the Government have issued addendum order to the G.O. 2nd read above, stipulating certain conditions with regard to any subsequent arrangement entered into by M/s APMDC Ltd.

3. Further, the Government, vide G.O.4th read above, have issued orders to sublet the Mining Lease held by M/s. APMDC Limited in favour of M/s. SVP Mining Company viz M/s. Ongole Iron Ore Mining Company Limited for the period upto 13.05.2029.

4. The District Collector, Prakasam has conducted joint inspection taken up by the concerned line Departments on 01.12.2016 for alienation of land for an extent of acres 289.90 in Sy.No.418 of Yerrajarla Village, Ongole Mandal, acres 105.00 in Sy.No.388 of Marlapadu Village and acres 105.10 in Sy.No.420 of Kanduluru Village of Tangutur Mandal, Prakasam District for establishment of IIIT and requested the Government to examine the matter of de-reservation and cancellation of lease sublet in favour of APMDC for an extent of 1307.26 Acs. Further, District Collector has also requested the

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Government to de-reserve 223.80 Acs of land in Sy.No.418/1, Yerrajarla (V), Ongole Mandal from the lease granted in favour of M/s. APMDC Ltd and revert back the land to Revenue Department for establishment of various educational institutions and office buildings vide Lr.No.Rc.No.E1/1189/2014, dt. 03.07.2014 & 06-08-2017.

5. Accordingly, the Government of India was requested vide letter 5th read above, to permit the State Govt., for premature termination of part of the mining lease for Iron Ore over an extent of 223.80 acres in Sy.No.418/1 of Yerrajarla (V), Ongole (M) from leased area of M/s APMDC Ltd. However, the proposal for premature termination was subsequently withdrawn for which GoI has conveyed "No Objection".

6. Later, the District Collector, Prakasam has requested the Government to re-examine the matter of cancelling the G.O.Ms.No.95, Inds., & Comm. Dept., dated:27-04-2009 and also requested the Revenue Department to give permission to utilize total extent of Ac. 1307.26 out of which an extent of Ac. 490.80 cents for the purpose of House site and remaining extent of 816.46 Acs for the purpose of future needs to the Revenue Department subject to outcome of Judgment in W.P.No.33563/2017.

7. Subsequently, the Government have issued orders vide G.O.6th read above, for resumption of lands belong to APIIC, APMDC and such other organization etc., for utilizing such lands for providing House sites under NAVARATNALU-PEDALANDARIKI ILLU and accordingly authorized the District Collectors of the respective Districts to resume the unutilized Government lands on the grounds of conditions of non-utilization of allotted lands which was earlier alienated in favour of private individuals/private organization/Government organization/Government Departments/Public Sector undertakings/State Corporations/Urban Development authorities and Urban Local bodies.

8. Further, considering the circumstances necessitated, the Government have decided to resume the subleased lands over an extent of Ac.1307.26 Cents , from M/s Gimpex Pvt Ltd by paying the claimed compensation of Rs.10,58,61,955/- by APMDC and other conditions as laid down therein vide Memo 8th read above. And they said compensation amount and an amount of Rs.45 Lakhs incurred by the APMDC towards execution of the lease deed shall be reimbursed by the Revenue Department from appropriate head.

9. The M/s Ongole Iron Ore Mining Company Pvt. Ltd. has submitted a representation stating that, Mining Operations were not commenced for various reasons and also they have not received the Statutory Clearances and Mine Closure Plan is not required, since so far no mining operations are carried out and requested to accept the surrender of Sub-Lease, subject Mining lease and cancel the sub-lease grant order with the immediate effect.

10. Further, the DM&G, AP., has reported that in pursuance to the orders issued vide Memo 8th read above, the M/s APMDC Ltd., have applied on 18-02-2021 for full surrender of the said lands of Mining Lease allotted vide G.O. 2nd read above, for resumption of land to the Government for prestigious programme "Navaratnalu-Pedhalandariki Illu".

11. Subsequently, the Asst. Director of Mines and Geology, Ongole has reported that, the samples collected from mining lease area were sent for Chemical Analysis and as per the analysis report it is low grade Iron Ore. The mine is not yet started. Hence, the Mine Closure Plan is not required and furnished the details of MRA for the year 2019-20 and 2020-21 and paid amounts towards Dead Rent, Surface Rent, Cess and Interest.

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12. The DM&G, AP., has, therefore, requested the Government to accept the full surrender of Mining lease area held by M/s APMDC which was sub leased infavour of M/s Gimpex (P) Limited for Iron Ore for an extent of 1307.26 Acres in Sy.No.769, 388, 418, 420 and 208 of Konijedu, Marlapadu, Kanduluru, Sarivireddipalem and Yerrajerla Villages of Tangutur and Ongole Mandals of Prakasam District under Rule 21(1) of Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016.

13. Government, after careful examination of the matter, hereby accept the full surrender of Mining lease area held by M/s APMDC, which was sub leased infavour of M/s Gimpex (P) Limited for Iron Ore for an extent of 1307.26 Acres in Sy.No.769, 388, 418, 420 and 208 of Konijedu, Marlapadu, Kanduluru, Sarivireddipalem and Yerrajerla Villages of Tangutur and Ongole Mandals of Prakasam District under Rule 21(1) of Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016, subject to satisfaction of all other terms and conditions laid down under the MM(D&R) Amendment Act, 2015 and the Rules made thereunder and subject to satisfaction of standing instructions and guidelines issued by the Govt. of India and State Government from time to time.

14. The Director of Mines and Geology, A.P., Ibrahimpatnam and the District Collector, Prakasam shall take necessary further action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

GOPAL KRISHNA DWIVEDI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (MINES)

To
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The District Collector & Magistrate, Prakasam District at Ongole.
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The OSD to Hon'ble Minister for Mines & Geology,
The PS to Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister,
The PS to Prl.Secretary (M&G),
The Revenue Department.
SF/SC.(1055142)

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SECTION OFFICER